

12th ARMY GROUP ASSOCIATION

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Dear Eagle:

In my last report to you, which went out in March with the dues notices, I mentioned - with an enthusiasm untinged with the slightest doubt! - that a new roster, together with a new issue of "The Eagle", would be sent out by April 15. However, I hadn't allowed for the overwhelming response to that mailing, as dues and address changes are still rolling in. It is most gratifying to hear from so many old comrades, particularly those stationed outside of the United States. I want to thank, too, so many of you who sent in addresses for or news of "Eagles" whose names were missing from the last roster. So, you see, the job takes time, but it's certainly a pleasure to know where most of our Group are these days.

A letter was sent out recently to all of our 12th Army Group'ers in and around the District of Columbia, with view toward getting together on July 15 to plan for the next Reunion which will be held in Washington this year, on Friday, October 17. We hope you'll put a large circle around those dates. You know, we always want to make the upcoming Reunion "the biggest and best ever". General Bradley plans to be at the July meeting in Washington. He is at present in Europe on business. I suppose you have all noted that besides being on the Board of Loew's Inc. he is also now on the Directorate of the New Haven Railroad. (Myasecretary, who lives in New Rochelle, hopes he can do something about making the commuter trains on that line run on time!)

It is with deep regret that I must tell you that since our last letter we've heard of the death of two of our Eagles - Colonel Myron Tauer and Captain George Bungarda.

Major Tom Bigland and Captain Mark Mainwaring, of Liverpool and Shropshire, England, respectively, paid nurried visits to the States last fall, but I must say neither timed their trips very well as they missed the last Reunion and it seems doubtful that they will get here again for the next one.

We're going to try and have a luncheon for the New York gang also, in July or August, so those of you who are in or near the metropolitan area will receive notice of this at a later date. It will depend upon when we can get the General.

If any Eagles have items of news that they would like to have spread around, please send them in. I want to have our issue of The Eagle ready for the press not later than September 15.

I shall be going abroad the latter part of August, but will be home in ample time to see you all in Washington at the Reunion.

Best regards,

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